

May 5, 1977

LB 142, 257, 257A,  
91, 338, 349, 510

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have the Bereuter amendment to the committee amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Alright, we are back on the....speaking order Senator Bereuter, could we...yes, lets get some reports in Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner gives notice of the Nebraska Postsecondary Education Advisory Committee will meet on May 6th, in room 1019 at 8:00 a.m. Signed, Senator Warner.

Mr. President, your committee on E & R reports that we have examined and reviewed LB257 and find the same correctly engrossed, 257A correctly engrossed. Signed, Senator Cullan.

Mr. President, your committee on E & R reports that we have examined and reviewed LB91, 338, 349 and 510 all correctly enrolled. Signed, Senator Cullan, Chairman.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business I propose to sign and do sign LB91, 338, 349 and 510.

Continuing then, I will read the list that I have so that those of you that do not want your...that do not want to speak may turn your lights off. Senator Clark, Murphy, F. Lewis, Maresh, Chambers, Mills, Hefner, Goodrich, Koch, Nichol and Kremer in that order. The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I guess I should ask for the previous question. I don't know..... I was all fixed up on this 142, now I am all confused. I don't know what to do with the bill. Senator Chambers talks about the fact that this is not going to help anyone, I suppose that he would like to kill the bill. That is what the trial attorneys want to do. I checked my liability insurance and I happen to be in the retail furniture business. In 1973 it was \$112.00, the other day I got a bill for \$620.00. I have never had a claim of any kind of liability. The only fellow that really offered to sue me one time fell over a coffee table in the middle of the night and broke his leg. But the coffee table was built so strongly that it didn't break the coffee table so he couldn't sue me for the product. I think that the whole problem of this thing is really not only the high insurance rates that we have to pay today, which I am sure is a rip off from the companies, and Senator Chambers is probably right when he said that they lost a lot of money in the stock markets, I don't know anything about their financial dealings, and they are probably trying to recoup it here. The only bad thing is that you can't force the insurance companies to sell insurance here at all if they don't want to. Right now the (inaudible) Company has a beet harvester machine that they can't even get product liability on it. It is almost impossible for them to stay in business unless they can get some of these on. They are going to have to get insurance someplace. They really don't know where they are going to get it. They are highly worried about this. The trial attorneys do not want this. They would like to have it just as it is and I have got a copy of a letter from them this morning saying just leave it like it is, we are making a good thing out of it. We don't have any problems